(g) if so, what are the details of those decisions and by when those would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) A number of representations were received against the report of the Kelkar Committee, Special Team, Murthy Committee and the Committee which studied the norms for conversion cost and packing charges in respect of formulations. Standing Committee is already reviewing the anomalies relating to exclusion and inclusion of drugs and the amounts assessed by the Special Team upto 1983 in the Supreme Court case have already revised on a tentative basis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) 26 bulk drugs have already been included under price control based on the recommendations of the Standing Committee.

(f) & (g) Standing Committee is a permanent forum to review the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee and other drug issues. It submits its recommendations to the Government for consideration. Decisions of the Govt. on some issues connected with price control, price decontrol, categorisation etc. have already been announced.

Reduction in the prices of Scheduled bulk drugs

2186. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2049 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of scheduled drugs out of 10 bulk drugs whose prices have been reduced due to reduction of duty on their intermediates;

(b) when the price of each was reduced;

(c) what was the earlier price of each and what is the present price;

(d) what are the revised prices of finished medicines based on these drugs; and

(e) what was the earlier price of each and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Out of the 10 scheduled bulk drugs which were specified in Notification No. 40|90 customs dated the 20th March, 1990, production of Carbamezapine have been discontinued by M|s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals there have been price increase of Chloramphenicol inspite of duty reduction and there have been price reduction in the case of Doxycycline.

(b) and (c) The price of Doxycycline was reduced from Rs. 5456 per kg. to Rs. 4968 with effect from 9th August, 1990.

(d) to (e) Prices of formulations based on this bulk drug are being worked out and would be announced shortly.

Categorisation of drugs needed for Recovery of Health Programme

2187. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2068 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th May, 1990 and state;

(a) when did his Ministry take the decision to obtain the list of all the drugs required for National Health Programmes from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) whether his Ministry have written on this issue to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(c) if so, when and what is the response of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(d) by when his Ministry would be able to finalise the list of category I drugs?